*[Transferred to the 14th July, 1992).*

**Utilisation of forest wasteland**

258. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a massive programme to gainfully utilise vast stretches of forest wasteland for growing palm and other plantation crops; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme indicating the hectares of land to be utilised in each State with employment opportunities to the rural poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**देश में नदियों की गहराई का कम होना**

259. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बहुत सी नदियों की लगातार गहराई कम होती जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि नदियों में जल समाने की क्षमता कम हो जाने के कारण, बाढ़ का पानी आसपास के इलाकों में जबरदस्ती फैलकर तबाही मचा देता है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन)** : (क) से (घ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है।

**Production/consumption of fish in the country**

260. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of fish produced during each of the last three years in the country, species-wise; and

(b) the quantum and value of the fish consumed in the country during the said period, species-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A Statement detailing fish production during the last 3 years in respect of important species of marine and inland fish is attached. (*See below*) The year-wise value of production is also indicated in the statement.

(b) The quantum and value of fish consumed in the country during the above-mentioned period are as under:

(*Rs. in crore*)

| Year | Quantity (Tonnes) | Value |
|---|---|---|
| 1988 | 29,64,398 | 3174.41 |
| 1989 | 34,03,623 | 3943.38 |
| 1990 | 34,93,099 | 5059.78 |

**Statement**

*Quantum and Value of Fish production in India*

(Prod. in tonnes)

| Sl. No. | Species | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | *Marine Fisheries* | | | |
| | Harpodon Nehereus (Bombay duck) | 1,15,735 | 1,35,302 | 1,42,235 |
| | Cat Fish | 68,245 | 70,705 | 69,273 |
| | Sciaenier (Croaker) | 1,64,774 | 2,03,435 | 2,21,075 |
| | Stromatieids (Butter Fish) | 34,616 | 39,100 | 25,491 |
| | Sardinella (Indian Oil Sardine) | 2,27,981 | 2,73,285 | 2,67,278 |
| | Engraulids (Enchovies) | 66,246 | 66,730 | 97 724 |
| | Other clupeoids | 60,740 | 63,115 | 56,163 |
| | Rastrelliger Kanagurta (Indian Mackerel) | 66,680 | 1,55,648 | 1,22,209 |
| | Elasmobranch (Sharks, Rays, Skates etc.) | 73,540 | 66,281 | 51,230 |
| | Decapods (Penaeid prawns, nonpenaeid prawns etc.) | 1,58,293 | 2,26,119 | 2,51,795 |
| | Cephalopods (Squids & Cuttle fish) | 62,331 | 76,011 | 32,307 |
| | Other Marine fishes | 7,58,792 | 8,26,547 | 8,34,393 |
| | Total Marine Fish Production | 18,57,973 | 22,02,278 | 22,20,173 |
| | Value of total Marine Fish Production (Rs. in crores) | 1690·75 | 1987·87 | 2980·99 |
| 2. | *Inland Fisheries* | | | |
| | Major Carps (Rohu, Mrigal, Catla Calbasu) | 6,06,059 | 6,68,714 | 7,77,923 |
| | Common Carps | 1,78,759 | 1,86,389 | 1,32,703 |
| | Other Carps | 1,13,080 | 88,311 | 4,94,545 |
| | Other Inland Fish | 3,68,807 | 4,37,636 | 4,78,462 |
| | Total Inland Fish Production | 12,66,700 | 13,81,050 | 14,83,633 |
| | Value of Inland Fish Production (Rs. in crores) | 2146·30 | 2671,78 | 3075·42 |
| | Grand total Fish Production (Marine+Inland) | 31,24,673 | 35,83,328 | 37,03,806 |
| | Grand Total of value of Production (Rs. in crores) | 3837·05 | 4658·85 | 6056·41 |